

Treasury Department,

BUREAU OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., June 2, 1890., 189

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Philadelphia, Pa.

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I would say that there is only \$1,400 in the Treasury to pay the loss on recoinage so I trust you will use every possible effort to keep the loss within these figures.

Upon receipt of this coin you will at once proceed to coin it into dimes, giving it precedence to all other coinage.

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